BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Investigation Into Southern California Edison Company's Electric Line Construction, Operation and Maintenance Practices.

Investigation 01-08-029 (Filed August 23, 2001)

Respondent.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SCHEDULING ORAL ARGUMENT

This ruling grants Southern California Edison Company's (Edison) request for oral argument before the Commission as soon as possible after the parties have filed reply briefs. I set aside submission for the sole purpose of taking this argument. The evidentiary record remains closed. The new submission date will be December 9, 2002 at the conclusion of the oral argument.

Oral argument shall be held on:

Monday, December 9, 2002 Commencing at 10:00 a.m. Commission Courtroom State Office Building 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, California

A. Oral Argument Schedule

Oral argument shall be conducted as follows. Edison and the Consumer Protection and Safety Division (CPSD) will have the opportunity to participate in the oral argument. Each side will have a specified time for their opening and rebuttal comments.

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Parties should understand that the time allocations listed below include the time necessary for any questions that a Commissioner might ask during the parties' presentation. Additional time is reserved for Commissioner's questions at the conclusion of the parties' presentations.

The schedule is as follows:

Convening the proceeding (5 minutes)

CPSD's opening presentation (20 minutes)

Edison's opening presentation (20 minutes)

CPSD's rebuttal comments (10 minutes)

Edison's rebuttal comments (10 minutes)

Commissioners' questions not asked during the parties' presentations (20 minutes)

B. Handouts and Briefing Boards

Parties may distribute handouts or use briefing boards¹ at the oral argument consistent with the following:

- Parties must distribute copies of all handouts or briefing boards they plan to use to the other parties no later than 5:00 p.m., two business days before the oral argument (i.e., December 5 by 5:00 p.m.);
- Parties shall provide copies of handouts sufficient for the Commission and others attending the oral argument;
- Parties using a briefing board shall also provide copies of the briefing board in reduced format sufficient for the Commission and others attending the oral argument;

¹ The time limitations prevent the convenient use of overhead projectors by the parties.

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Handouts or briefing boards must include citations to record

evidence clearly supporting any factual assertions;

All pages and points should be numbered for ease of reference

and to facilitate an understanding of the resulting transcript; and

• Handouts and briefing boards will not be received as exhibits.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The Commission shall hold oral argument on Monday, December 9, 2002,

commencing at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission Courtroom, State Office Building,

505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California.

2. Submission is set aside for the sole purpose of taking this argument. The

new submission date shall be December 9, 2002, at the conclusion of the oral

argument.

3. The schedule for the oral argument is set forth in Section A of this ruling.

4. Rules concerning the use of handouts or briefing boards are set forth in

Section B of this ruling.

Dated November 22, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JANET A. ECONOME

Janet A. Econome Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Scheduling Oral Argument on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated November 22, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ FANNIE SID
Fannie Sid

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